GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF MAJOR MINERALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is regulating exports of major minerals keeping in view the prevalent demand and supply situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the export of major minerals during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is considering to restrict the export of major minerals in view of demand of domestic consumption of captive industries like Steel, Power, Cement etc; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Government regulates export of major minerals like iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore.

(b) Government regulates export of these major minerals by having quantitative and qualitative restrictions. Details of export of iron ore, chrome ore and manganese ore are as under:

Commodity	2004-05 (Qty. Million tones)	2005-06 (Prov)	2006-07 (Prov)
Iron Ore	78.14	89.27	93.79
Manganese Ore	0.33	0.23	0.17
Chrome Ore	0.44	0.46	0.39

Source: MMTC Limited.

(c)&(d) The exports of these minerals are done after meeting domestic requirements. The export policy for these minerals are reviewed on a yearly basis.